

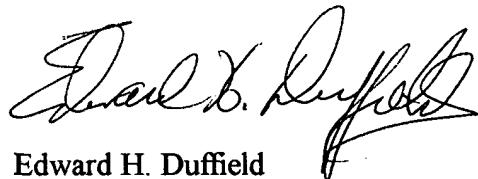
REMARKS

The Examiner has stated in an Office Action dated April 10, 2001 on the parent case that the claims as originally submitted are directed to two distinct inventions. In the parent case, an election has been made to the claims identified in the Office Action as "Group I", being all of Claims 1 - 6, 11 - 20, 25 - 34, and 39 - 42, for prosecution in the present application. Those claims have therefore been cancelled herein without prejudice from this divisional application. The claims of Group II, being all of Claims 7 - 10, 21 - 24, and 35 - 38, are presented herein for examination in the accompanying divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)).

The accompanying divisional application contains the specification and drawings of the parent application, wherein the specification has been amended as required by 37 C. F. R. §1.78(a)(2) to contain a reference to the parent application as the first sentence following the Title. No other changes have been made to the specification, and no changes have been made to the drawings, and thus no new matter has been introduced in the accompanying divisional application.

Applicant requests examination of the claims of the divisional application, as now presented, and allowance thereof, at an early date.

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